

VZCZCXRO6741
OO RUEHROV
DE RUEHEG #1350/01 1951146
ZNY SSSSS ZZH
O 141146Z JUL 09
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3185
INFO RUEHXX/ARAB ISRAELI COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
RHMFISS/HQ USCENTCOM MACDILL AFB FL PRIORITY
RHMFISS/JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY

S E C R E T SECTION 01 OF 02 CAIRO 001350

NOFORN
SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: DECL: 06/30/2019

TAGS: [PREL](#) [PARM](#) [MASS](#) [IR](#) [IZ](#) [KPAL](#) [IS](#) [EG](#)

SUBJECT: GENERAL PETRAEUS' MEETING WITH DEFENSE MINISTER
TANTAWI

Classified By: Ambassador Margaret Scobey per 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. Key Points: -- (S/NF) During a June 29 meeting with CENTCOM Commander General Petraeus, Minister of Defense Tantawi discussed bilateral mil

[1](#)2. (S/NF) After recounting his experience crossing the Suez Canal during the 1973 war with Israel, Tantawi thanked General Petraeus for opposi

[1](#)3. (S/NF) On counter smuggling, Major General Fouad al-Helmi, Assistant Minister of Defense said the Border Guard Force discovered 346 tunnel

[1](#)4. (S/NF) Director of Military Intelligence, Major General Mourad Mowafi, said that Egypt had only discovered food and consumer products being

[1](#)5. (S/NF) General Petraeus advocated for increased intelligence cooperation on arms smuggling. Mowafi said Egypt - U.S. intelligence cooperati

[1](#)6. (S/NF) Al-Helmi stressed that Minister Tantawi quickly approved any Foreign Military Financing case involving border security, saying more

[1](#)7. (S/NF) During a separate meeting, Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Sami Enan shared his view on the recent CENTCOM Chiefs of Defense cor

[1](#)8. (S/NF) General Petraeus expressed optimism that Iraqi security forces could handle the security situation after U.S. troops withdrew from I

[1](#)9. (U) General Petraeus cleared this cable. SCOBey